

Utah Farm Bureau Sustainable Farming

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Farming in Utah

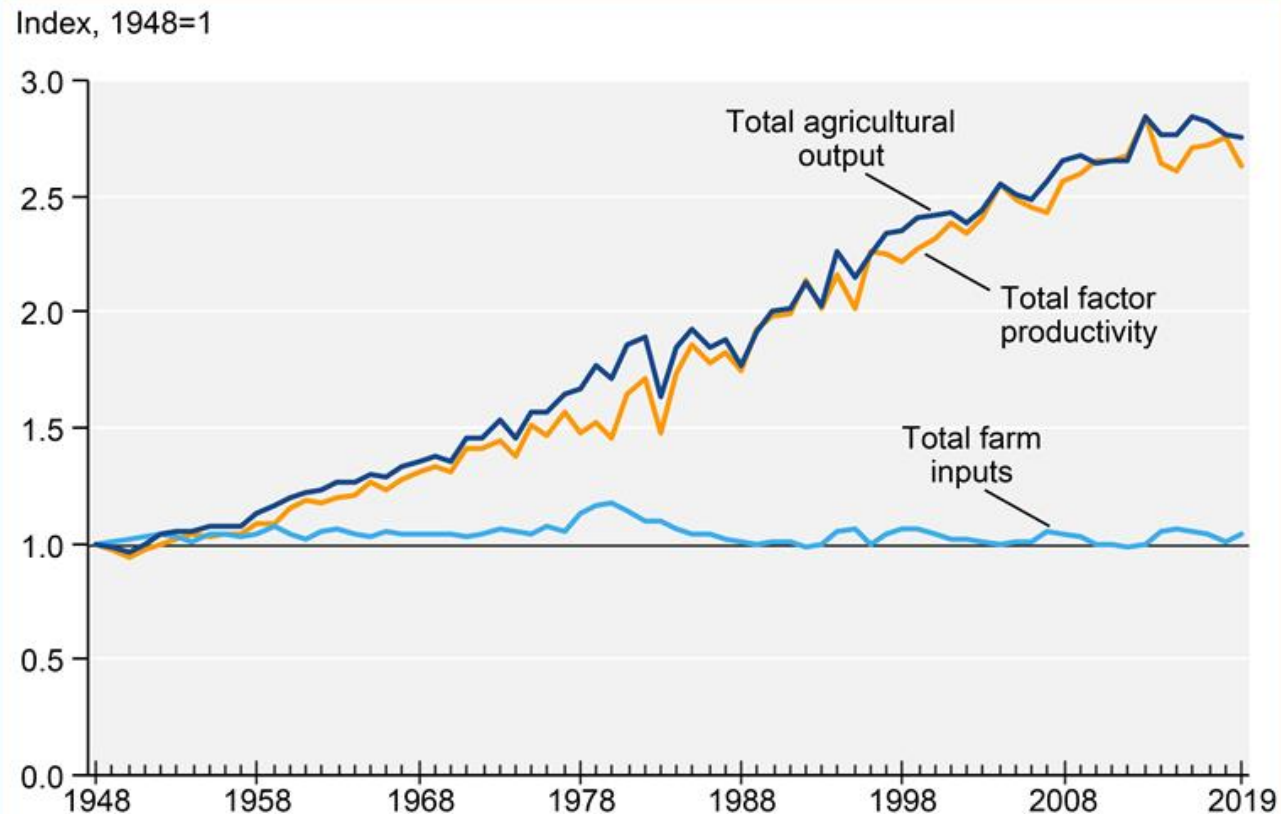
- Utah Farm Bureau represents 34,000 members throughout the state
- Utah currently has 17,900 farms operating on 10,900,000 acres.

Sustainable Farming

- Farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of climate-smart farming, putting scientific solutions, technology, and innovation to work to protect our land, air, and water.
- For decades, farmers have adopted conservation practices that reduce water usage, turn the soil over less, and keep nutrients in the fields.
- According to USDA, 90% of farmers have employed irrigation management and system updates to help conserve water. That same survey from USDA shows that more than 80% of farmland is being managed with reduced till or no till practices, and nearly two thirds of farmers are using cover crops.

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U.S. agricultural output, inputs, and total factor productivity, 1948-2019



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, *Agricultural Productivity in the U.S.* data product. Data as of January 2022.

Conservation

- In Utah, many of our farmers and ranchers are involved in conservation measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the lands they farm and ranch and to improve the environment around them.
- Many of our Utah farms and ranches have entered into conservation easements through the LeRay McCallister Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund to preserve and restore critical open land and agricultural land. Funding for this program is critical to sustainable agriculture in Utah.
- Currently, more than 140 million acres of U.S. farmland are used for conservation efforts and wildlife habitats—that land area is equal to the states of California and New York combined.

Conservation Success Story

- In 2022, the Myrin Family, Farm Bureau members from Altamont, UT received the Leopold Conservation Award.

